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Delta Stewardship Council
980 Ninth Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Serious Concerns about the draft Delta Plan

Dear Chairman Isenberg and Members of the Council:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and constituents of Mojave Water Agency, I am writing to express my concern with the draft Delta Plan being developed by the Delta Stewardship Council. Though the fifth draft plan shows some improvement over previous drafts, I am concerned it will not meet the co-equal goals of improved water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem health in its current form.

I am very concerned that the draft plan is vague about what kind of water supply we can expect in the future. Our area cannot adequately plan and pursue opportunities without some certainty as to our future water supplies. California simply cannot afford to advance any plan that creates local uncertainty and economic instability at this time.

Mojave Water Agency recently adopted its Urban Water Management Plan—and many local retail water agencies' plans tier off ours. The success of our Plan and our ability to provide a sustainable water supply for our region of San Bernardino County depends **heavily** upon steps being taken to address concerns with the Delta.

It is also extremely troubling that the plan attempts to dictate local water management decisions on everything from rate structures to recycling targets. That level of micromanagement from Sacramento undercuts local planning hundreds of miles from the Delta. The council should focus its energy instead on improving our water supplies and the ecosystem health of the Delta.

I respectfully urge the council to fully consider these concerns and discuss the Alternate Delta Plan developed by statewide water, business and agricultural interests through the Ag-Urban Coalition. I urge council members to work with the coalition to identify the best options for meeting the co-equal goals. We simply must get this plan right for the sake of our water supply, our economy and our environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Art Bishop', with a stylized, flowing script.

Art Bishop, President
Mojave Water Agency, Board of Directors

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